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Page 2 [Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 (In Response

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## PLEASE AMEND THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

## In The Specification:

Page 1, line 1, insert the following:

## ~A CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/574,443, filed on December 15, 1995, now abandoned. ₩\

## In The Claims:

Add new claim 245 as follows:

245. (NEW) The construct of claim 3, wherein said sequence segment is in double-stranded form.

Amend claims 1, 8 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A [non-naturally occurring] <u>non-native polynucleotide</u> construct <u>comprising at least one sequence segment</u>, which <u>construct</u> when present in a cell produces a product, said construct comprising at least one <u>member selected from the group consisting of a modified nucleotide</u>, a nucleotide analog or a non-nucleic acid entity, [or] <u>and</u> a combination of the foregoing.

Claim 8, line 1, after "The construct of claim" and before "wherein said chemical" change "6," to -- 7 --

Claim 10, line 1, after "The construct of claim" and before "wherein said non-nucleic entity" change "1," to -- 245, -- .

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